Load Position in Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur

2356. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ilie load position in the vehicle factory, Jabalpur is approximately 14000 vehicles as on 1st December, 1991;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said load position can only meet the demand for two years;

(c) whether Government are aware that more than 15,000 employees of Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur and its feeder factory GIF several thousands of local ancillary industries would be starved of work load by 1993; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to meet the said crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Additional work-load necessary for fuller utilisation of the capacity is planned to be secured by diversifying the production into other areas including non-defence requirements.

Work Load in Ordnance Factories

2357. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE. Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the available load in most of the ordnance factories are found to be barely for 2 years and in some cases for even less than that; and

(b) if so, what are the policy changes of Government that have made Ordnance Factories starve for the luck: load?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) It is true that the work-load available in some areas of production in some of the Ordnance Factories is not enough to ensure full capacity utilisation. This is on account of the fluctuations in the Services' requirements based on changes in the threat perception and the budgetary constraints and not on account of any policy changes.

Military Hospitals

2358. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of doctors in the armed forces are experts in the various fields of modern medicine;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the military hospitals in the country are ill-equipped to utilise the services of these experts; and

(c) if so, the steps Government p/rpose to take to update th; medi cal 'facilities of military hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Modernisation schemes for mi-!.t?ry ho^iials are being im lamented according to a phased proganne.

World position of Science and Technology Manpower

2359. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the world position of Science and Technology manpower